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A Printing Unit Cylinder For A Rotary Printing

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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO 1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted prior to the issuance of a first office action on the merits of the present application.

European reference 69 72 84 discloses internal cooling for reducing distortion in a lithographic printing press. This reference corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,535,674.

German reference 19 619 644 discloses a cylinder with a printing surface for offset printing. This reference corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,813,334.

Both the above references are discussed in greater detail in the specification of the present application and the Examiner's attention is respectfully directed to that discussion.

German reference 39 07 528 discloses a device for bonding two parts of different expansion behavior. Applicants do not have readily available an English language translation of this reference. However, an English language abstract thereof is enclosed.

The remaining reference is a section from a handbook on alloy steel. Applicants do not have an English language translation of this reference.

The present invention defines a specific printing unit cylinder for a rotary printing machine which is not believed to be disclosed by the enclosed references.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that the copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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